

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 May 61	2. LOCATION Okinawa & Vicinity	12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2317 GMT 051417Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical METEOR <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SE-NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Size and shape of dime held at arm's length. Greenish white with tail about twice the length of body of objt. No exhaust; no sounds. High speed; high intensity light. Angle of elevation approx 20° above horizon arcing upward fm SE to NW.		11. COMMENTS Objt moved in wrong direction for it to have been a satellite reentry. Objt has all characteristics of a very bright type of meteor called a fireball. Duration and apparent long flight path suggests a very high meteoric speed.	

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THIS MESSAGE IN TWELVE (12) PARTS.

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: SIZE AND SHAPE OF DIME HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH. ONE (1) GREENISH WHITE OBJECT WITH TAIL ABOUT TWICE THE LENGTH OF BODY OF OBJECT. NO EXHAUST. NO SOUNDS. HIGH SPEED. HIGH INTENSITY LIGHT.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: ALL OBSERVERS ATTRACTED BY EXTREMELY BRIGHT LIGHT. ANGLE OF ELEVATION TO GROUND OBSERVERS APPROXIMATELY 20 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON ARCING UPWARD FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHEAST WHEN FIRST ATTRACTED TO OBJECT. AIRBORNE OBSERVERS

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250 MILES WEST SOUTHWEST OF NAHA ON HEADING 355 DEGREES AT 7300 FEET STATED OBJECT ARCHED 2000 FEET TO 3000 FEET ABOVE AIRCRAFT PASSING FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST. OBJECT APPEARED TO SUDDENLY DIAPPEARED IMMEDIATELY AFTER REACHING APOGEE AND BEGINNING DESCENT. FLIGHT PATH WAS LONG ARC PASSING FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST FROM NAHA AIR BASE. OBJECT VISIBLE APPROXIMATELY 3 TO 5 SECONDS BY ALL OBSERVERS.

PART III. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: GROUND-VISUAL AND AIR-VISUAL.

AIR-VISUAL FROM L-23 AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER 3459 ENROUTE FROM TAIPEI TO HANBY ARMY AIR FIELD, OKINAWA HOME STATION. SPEED 143 KNOTS.

PART IV. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: 051417Z MAY 1961. NIGHT.

PART V. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVERS: GROUND OBSERVERS-NAHA AIR BASE, OKINAWA. AIRBORNE OBSERVERS APPROXIMATELY 250 MILES WEST SOUTHWEST FROM NAHA AIR BASE.

PART VI. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: CAPTAIN DENNIS M. BOYLE AND CAPTAIN ANTHONY CARROL, 53RD AVIATION DETACHMENT, HANBY ARMY AIR FIELD, OKINAWA; A1C CLIFTON R. MADREN, ACW OPERATIONS, 623RD ACW SQUADRON; SP4 DON BATTEN AND PFC EARL D. LETTS, ANTI AIRCRAFT DEFENSE COMMAND POST, ADCC, NAHA RI BASE; A3C JOHN C. WATTS AND A3C RICHARD L. TRAUGER, 51ST AIR POLICE SQUADRON. ALLOBSERVERS SINCERE IN STATEMENTS AND CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

PART VCI. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT: AIRBORNE OBSERVERS REPORT ENTERED CLOUD CONDITION AT 5000 FEET AT TIME OF SIGHTING. NAHA AIR BASE WEATHER AND WINDS AS FOLLOWS:

WINDS	DIRECTION	VELOCITY
60000	270 DEG	15 KNOTS
13000	250 DEG	15 KNOTS
16000	230 DEG	15 KNOTS
20000	200 DEG	20 KNOTS
30000	250 DEG	60 KNOTS
50000	260 DEG	60 KNOTS
80000	070 DEG	20 KNOTS

CEILING: 25000 VISIBILITY 15 MILES. CLOUD COVER ~~BOREP~~ STATUS

CIRRUS TEMPERATURE: 65 DEGREES.

PART VIII. NO KNOWN ACTIVITY OR CONDITION WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING.

PART IX. NO INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN.

PART X. NO KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC OR BALLOON RELEASES.

PART XI. 51ST FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR WING INTELLIGENCE CHECKED ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES OF OBJECT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AIRBORNE SOURCE STATED 15 TO 20 SURFACE SHIPS IN AREA. ALTITUDE AND DISTANCE BETWEEN AIRBORNE AND GROUND OBSERVERS RULES OUT POSSIBILITY OF FLARE.

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INTENSITWD TRAJECTORY AGREED UPON BY ALL OBSERVERS.

OBSERVERS COULD NOT ESTIMATE DISTANCE FROM OBJECT.

PART XII. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OR PHOTOGRAPHS.

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